**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**
**ABSTRACT**

HM&FW Department – COVID-19 –Revision of Rates for conducting COVID–19 Tests in Private NABL & ICMR approved Labs – Orders –Issued.

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**HEALTH, MEDICAL &FAMILY WELFARE (B2) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.RT.No. 768** **Dated: 15-12-2020**

**Read the following:**

1. G.O.RT.No. 296, HM&FW(B2) Dept., dt.12.06.2020.
2. G.O.RT.No. 382, HM&FW(B2) Dept., dt.27.08.2020.
3. G.O.RT.No. 699, HM&FW(B2) Dept., dt.12.11.2020.
4. Proposal from the CEO, Dr. YSRAHCT & State Nodal Officer for Labs, COVID-19. (Computer.No.1293268)

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**ORDER:**

In the G.O. 3rd read above, Government have revised the rates of COVID-19 testing in the ICMR approved private NABL Labs (RT-PCR). The total cost was fixed at Rs.800/- for samples referred by the State Government and Rs.1000/- for the individuals directly approaching ICMR approved NABL Labs for COVID-19 testing, which includes both the screening test and confirmatory test.

**2.** The CEO, Dr.YSRAHCT & State Nodal Officer for Labs, COVID-19 in the proposal 4th read above, has stated that in view of increased availability of kits in the market and of competition as more firms started manufacturing RNA extraction kits and RT-PCR kits, the cost of reagents/ kits is decreased.

**3.** Government after careful examination of the matter, hereby revised the rates for RT-PCR testing to be charged by the private laboratories as follows:

| S.No | Category | Price – Per Each Sample testing |
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| 1. | For Samples sent by the Government | **Rs. 475/-** |
| 2. | Individuals approaching ICMR approved NABL labs for COVID-19 testing. | **Rs. 499/-** Including all charges (Test cost + VTM +PPE) |

**4.** Testing can be done only in the ICMR approved Laboratories and all other conditions laid down by the ICMR and the State Government shall apply.

**5.** All the Private NABL & ICMR approved Labs are instructed to follow the above guidelines and all the Hospitals/Institutes/Labs are instructed to display the rates in visible manner.

**P.T.O.**

**6.** Further, all the DMHOs are directed to monitor closely, enforce the prices strictly and give wide publicity.

**7.** The CEO., Dr.YSR AHCT & State Nodal Officer for Labs, COVID-19 shall take further necessary action in the matter.

**(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)**

**ANIL KUMAR SINGHAL,**
**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To
The CEO, Dr YSRAHCT & State Nodal Officer for Labs COVID – 19.
**Copy to:**
The Commissioner, Health & Family welfare, Govt. of AP.
All the DM&HOs in the State
All District Collectors in the State.
The Director of Public Health & Family Welfare, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Director of Medical Education, A.P., Vijayawada.
OSD to Dy. C.M.(H,FW&ME).
P.S. to Principal Secretary to HM&FW Department.
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**SECTION OFFICER**